

As we know, the Affordable Care Act has provided health security to nearly 18 million previously uninsured Americans since enacted in 2010. Nearly 9.9 million Americans have enrolled in the health insurance marketplaces, with millions more enrolled in expanded Medicaid programs, including an estimated 2.3 million in California alone.

In addition to repealing the ACA Medicaid coverage expansion, this bill eliminates ACA tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies for households with modest incomes. This poorly conceived bill terminates ACA tax credits available to small businesses, and undermines important community-based programs in the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Overall, the Congressional Budget Office estimates this bill will take affordable health coverage away from 22 million Americans after 2017, without providing a workable alternative to help Americans secure health care coverage.

Additionally, the reconciliation package puts women's health at risk by defunding Planned Parenthood, a provider serving millions of men and women throughout the country, and in some cases serves as the only provider within a given community. Planned Parenthood offers preventive services to millions of women, such as screenings for cancer and sexually transmitted infections, and family planning services.

Mr. Speaker, this ill-conceived reconciliation bill increases the number of uninsured Americans and puts women's health at risk. I strongly oppose this measure that will harm my constituents and prevent millions of Americans from accessing affordable health care.

113TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 113th anniversary of Korean American Day, which commemorates the start of Korean immigration to the United States.

On January 13, 1903, 102 brave souls set course from Korea and landed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Since then, the Korean American community has been a vital part of our country, serving with distinction in the Armed Forces during times of war as well as contributing in every field from science and medicine to entrepreneurship and the arts.

As their numbers have grown over the years, Korean Americans have become involved in local communities, organizations and politics. Our long-lasting and continued partnership has been and continues to be an extremely important one in today's world.

We continue to recognize the crucial role Korean Americans play in maintaining the strength and vitality of the partnership between our two countries and I congratulate and join in with the Korean American community today in celebrating this time-honored tradition and look forward to seeing the continued success of this vibrant community in our country.

TRIBUTE TO MARYANN SHERMAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Maryann Sherman will be honored as the 2015 Citizen of the Year by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Maryann has dedicated herself to the Corona community.

Maryann Sherman has been a pillar of the Corona, California community since 1966. She initially worked in her father's music store on Main Street, while she was an active parishioner and teacher at her church, St. Edwards Parish. Maryann later became employed with the Corona Norco Unified School District in the 1980s, and has recently retired as the Librarian at Jefferson Elementary School.

During her time as Librarian at Jefferson Elementary, Maryann developed ways to help engage and give back to the school community. She helped coordinate funding and programming for parents on how to use the computers, applications and a variety of other programs. Additionally, she always looked for ways to assist less fortunate students through finding resources for them. Maryann also helped serve her community while working as a Corona Public Library Trustee. She utilized the library's resources to help promote literacy to community individuals who may have not had the opportunity otherwise. Her commitment to giving back to the community has followed her from Jefferson Elementary to her new project, heading a fruit and vegetable program for the needy in our city twice a month.

Maryann is also dedicated to her family. She has been married to her husband, Tom, for 43 years. Together they have two children, Colonel Thomas Sherman and a daughter, Nancy Sherman. Maryann is a devoted mother and was very active in both of her children's school Parent Teacher Organizations. It was this involvement that helped lead her to working full time with the Corona Norco Unified School District.

Maryann's tireless passion for her family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Maryann a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Maryann achieving the Citizen of the Year award.

TRIBUTE TO KAY MOCHA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Kay Mocha of Missouri Valley, Iowa, on her retirement as the Director of the Pottawattamie County Planning and Development Department. Kay has served in that capacity for over 30 years.

During her tenure Kay has seen a number of changes in the Planning and Development

Department. Since she was appointed in 1984 the office has grown into a full service planning and development department that focuses on floodplain management, onsite wastewater treatment and disposal, private water wells, and the county's waste transfer station. Kay has served with 22 different county board members during her years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kay on her retirement and for her many years of dedicated and devoted service to the citizens of Pottawattamie County. It is because of Iowans like Kay that I am proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Kay and in wishing her and her family the very best moving forward.

HONORING MAE DUKE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mae Duke, who is being recognized by the Century Village Democratic Club for her distinguished service to the West Palm Beach community.

As part of the "greatest generation," Mae's life embodied the American dream. Mae is a first generation Jewish immigrant raised on Coney Island, New York and overcame numerous obstacles to complete her education and work as a laboratory technician. Mae married Sam Duke, a New York City Police officer, in 1947, and together they raised four children in Brooklyn.

Since her youth, Mae has believed in the importance of public service, civic duty, and participation in democracy. After her four children enrolled in public school, Mae ran for the local school board. Later, she and her husband started a youth league at their local synagogue. Today at age 89, Mae lives in West Palm Beach where she is admired by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is still active with local community groups and is the President of the Century Village Club.

Wherever her life has taken her, Mae Duke has selflessly volunteered her time and efforts to better her community. I am pleased to join in honoring Ms. Duke for her enriching, lifelong community service.

BAYLOR'S 2015 SEASON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Baylor Bears football team entered into this season with lofty expectations to go along with a pre-season top-5 ranking in the polls. The coach, the players, and the fans all expected the Bears to vie for a national championship or a berth in the College Football Playoff. However, it wasn't meant to be. Despite an 8-0 start, the Bears went on to drop 3 of their remaining 5 games, finishing with a record of 10-3.

At the start of the season, a 10-win season would have been a huge disappointment for